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SUBJECT: TURK MFA SEC GEN VISITS CYPRUS

1. TURK MFA SEC GEN SUKRO ELEKDAG ARRIVED CYPRUS AUGUST 9 FOR THREE-DAY, OSTENSIBLY "PRIVATE" VISIT AT INVITATION "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRY UPON HIS ARRIVAL, ELEKDAG REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT "THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF MAKING CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS... NOR CAN THERE BE ANY QUESTION OF DISTURBING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY, WHICH IS NOW VIRTUALLY COMPLETE. RUMORS (OF CONCESSIONS) CANNOT DISTURB THE TRANQUILLITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND ARE SPECULATION."

2. COMMENT: PURPOSE OF ELEKDAG'S VISIT MOST LIKELY TO BRIEF DENKTASH AND COHORTS ON DEMIREL'S RECENT ROUND OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING HELSINKI AND VIENNA III. ELEKDAG'S STATEMENTS, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD BE READ IN CONTEXT OF DISTINCTION ECEVIT AND OTHERS HAVE MADE BETWEEN "CONCESSIONS" AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS "STEPS" TOWARD GENERAL CONCILIATION. NONETHELESS, CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCH COMMENTS ARE NOT HELPFUL IN TURK CYPRIOT CONTEXT, WHERE

MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT CYPRUS PROBLEM ALREADY "SOLVED" AND
SEE LITTLE OR NO NEED FOR CONCESSIONS TO GREEK SIDE.
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